

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

December 21, 2012 to January 11, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed construction of an apartment building in Portsmouth to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: City of Portsmouth

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A development company, the Breeden Company (hereinafter "applicant"), is likely to seek HUD funding for an apartment project in downtown Portsmouth. The project site is a parcel of approximately 2.422 acres on a concrete pier at Harbor Center Court (tax parcel 0003-0010), near the shoreline of the South Branch of the Elizabeth River. The new building would be four stories and have approximately 187 units.

The applicant states that construction and operation of the proposed project will have no adverse effects on the coastal uses and coastal resources that are addressed by the enforceable policies of the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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